

UA Physicist Wants Cloud Photographs

Dr. James E. McDonald, senior physicist at the University of Arizona's Institute of Atmospheric Physics, today made an appeal for photographs of the unusual luminous cloud which was visible to the north after sunset Thursday.

Preliminary calculations indicate the nacreous cloud occurred in the lower or middle stratosphere, McDonald said. He estimated its altitude as "apparently greater than 20 miles."

Telephone reports from about 20 observers scattered throughout Northern Arizona established the locality of the cloud as being overhead near Flagstaff, McDonald said.

McDonald asked persons having photographs of the cloud formation to contact him.